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MUD HALTS AUTOS

Travelers from Pekin to Paris Find Obstacles.

GRAVE CONDITIONS EXIST

Troops Are Necessary in the Province—Insects Annoy Tourists—Agricultural Labor Is Impossible. Outrages May Continue—Mittimus Soldiers Make Situation Grave.

London, July 8.—Prince Scipio Borghese and the correspondent of the Telegraph, who is accompanying him in the Pekin-Paris automobile race, arrived at Krasnodar on Sunday, after a horrible combat with rain and mud. The correspondent writes of his trials in Siberia as being worse than those experienced in the Gobi Desert. He says:

"Never, even in the desert, did we feel the solitude so much as between the interminable barriers of shade flanking us on either side as we went through the Siberian forests. The loneliness was supreme, except when we started a wolf or other wild creature.

"Between Kansk and Krasnodar we drove in a deluge of cold, stinging rain, which flooded the roads. It is not easy to give an idea of a Siberian road under rain. Sometimes the mud reached the hubs on either side. For two or three hours we advanced only inch by inch.

"The inhabitants said that never in the memory of man has there been such a summer in Siberia, such rain, such cold. Agricultural labor is impossible. It is feared the outrages against the peasants here will continue. There has been a mutiny among the troops. So grave is the situation that the governor of Siberia came to Krasnodar from Irkutsk.

"The police at Kansk wished to give us an escort, but we declined, owing to the lack of accommodations on the car. "During our brief halt we were assailed by clouds of insects, which stung our faces and drew blood."

PASTOR SCORES LEOPOLD.

Rev. R. J. Campbell Appeals in Behalf of Congo Sufferers.

London, July 8.—Rev. R. J. Campbell, the well-known Congregationalist minister, denouncing the Congo horrors and "King Leopold's accursed methods," at the City Temple, to-day, declared that Great Britain could do the terrible conditions in a fortnight, and she ought to do it.

He said that the greater part of the ill-gotten wealth of the Congo was brought to Europe in British ships, and they and all others sailing along the Congo River and Antwerp must call at British ports. If Great Britain refused them coal King Leopold would be helpless.

Insisting upon the repression of the atrocities at all cost, Mr. Campbell said that if ever force was morally justified it was so now, in order to bring the ruthless tyrant Leopold to his senses. President Roosevelt has signified that he would support Great Britain in any concerted effort to end the horrors, and if England and America could together no power could galaxy them.

Every hour's delay meant more bloody massacres in that land of woe. But for England's power, and it was her duty to deliver it from him.

Mr. Campbell's declarations were frequently interrupted by loud cheers.

"SILENT MAN" FOUND DEAD.

Believed to Have Left Whole Trunkful of Money.

New Rochelle, N. Y., July 7.—John Babcock, known around New Rochelle as "the silent man," was found dead in his bed at 17 Relyea place, in this city, this morning. Aside from the fact that Babcock was seventy years old and had served in the civil war, little was known about him in New Rochelle, as he kept everything about his private life a secret.

"The silent man" had lived for several years in the room where he died, cooking his own meals and holding no conversation with any one. He was known to be a miser, and it is said that he left a trunkful of silver and gold coins.

The police have taken charge of the property and will endeavor to locate his relatives. It is said that he had two sons, who are living in New York.

STEEL TIES ABANDONED.

Pennsylvania Railroad Makes Official Announcement.

Pittsburg, July 7.—Experiments with steel ties have officially been abandoned by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Notice to this effect has been given the steel companies that have been furnishing the same.

After the Mineral Point wreck on the Pennsylvania the Carnegie Steel Company claimed the steel tie would work out its salvation, but a commission of engineers have made a report on the ties in which they say that there is too much rigid surface to the locomotive in use to allow the steel ties to be used; that there is not a particle of "give" to the locomotive wheels, save at the axle or center. That something must give when an engine is passing around a curve, and that the engine cannot be built to create this flexibility, hence the track and the steel ties have to yield.

Plan Railroad in Mexico.

Mexico City, Mexico, July 7.—Robert S. Towne, of New York, and associates are back of a projected railroad that is to be built from the city of Zacatecas to Durango, a distance of about 250 miles. Mr. Towne is at the head of the Mexican Northern Railroad, and is the principal owner of the large smelter at San Luis Potosi, and a number of rich mines in this country.

Battle Ships Leave Norfolk.

Norfolk, Va., July 7.—The battle ship Minnesota, long delayed here because of the running down of her launch on June 11, with six midshipmen and five seamen, went to sea this afternoon. The Minnesota was accompanied by the battle ship Ohio. The ships headed north.

Reid to Attend Opening of Memorial.

London, July 7.—On the 17th of this month Ambassador Reid will attend the opening of the Harvard Memorial in the chapel of the Southwell Cathedral, in which is the Harvard memorial window given by Mr. Joseph Choate. Special places will be reserved for Americans.

If you are in need of anything, put a want ad. in The Herald, and see how quick you will be.

CARTER WOMAN PROTESTS.

Chester B. Runyan's Paramour Denies Getting Stolen Cash.

New York, July 7.—Inspector Thompson's detectives, who are pegging away on the case of Chester B. Runyan and Mrs. Laura Hayne-Ision-Woods-Perry-Carter, did not get so far to-day that any new arrests were made in connection with the Windsor Trust Company robbery, or recover any more money.

On Saturday night the detectives went the rounds of the Tenderloin in the upper West Side, in the hope of finding somebody who could direct them to the two or three men with whom Mrs. Carter is supposed to have been best acquainted before she met Runyan.

Mrs. Carter talked with a reporter, and again protested that she had not taken and concealed the missing \$25,000.

CHINESE GOVERNOR DIES.

Assassin of Anhui Official Decapitated by Victory's Order.

Shanghai, July 7.—The governor of Anhui, who was wounded yesterday while reviewing a parade of students, died from the effects of his injuries.

It appears that he was not wounded by the explosion of a bomb, as was at first stated, but by a revolver shot, fired by an expectant official, who was a revolutionist. The governor, who was a revolutionist, recently discovered that the revolutionists were smuggling arms, and took steps to break up the illegal traffic, thus incurring the enmity of the revolutionists.

The assassin, who was captured, has been decapitated by order of the viceroy.

HIGH PAY A WINNING CARD

Italians Tell Why They Emigrate to America.

Rome, July 7.—The work of the American Commission on Immigration, presided over by Senator Dillingham, in the Italian districts which give the largest contingent of emigrants to the United States, is most interesting, and will provide abundant material for further legislation on the lines of an international agreement by which this important work should be almost equally useful to the country where it originated and that where it is concluded.

Senator Dillingham and his colleagues have interrogated, right and left, those Italians who have been in America and returned, and a good many of those who intend to emigrate to America. Among the former at least three-fourths have repatriated only provisionally, and will return to America, either temporarily or to stay. One was asked:

"Why do you return to the United States?"

"Because the wages are higher and there is more liberty."

"What do you mean by more liberty?"

"There is no military service."

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EUGENIE'S SAVIOR DEAD.

Count Nigra, Protected Empress from Mob.

Count Constantine Nigra, dean of the Italian diplomats, is dead. He was born in 1828, served as a volunteer in the war against Austria, in 1848, says the Philadelphia Press.

He was appointed Minister of Sardinia, and later of Italy to Paris, and on September 4, 1870, he was one of the small number of friends of the court who gathered at the Tuilleries for the protection of the Empress Eugenie, whom he did not leave until she was safe out of Paris.

In 1876 Count Nigra was appointed ambassador at St. Petersburg, in 1882 he represented Italy at the Court of St. James, and in 1887 he was appointed ambassador to Austria, which post he held until 1903. Recently the count had been suffering from pneumonia, and the former Empress of France, recalling the count's devotion to her in 1870, made inquiries regarding his health and sent him a message of sympathy.

In 1889 Count Nigra took part in the Peace Congress at the Hague, where he showed himself not only a past master in statecraft, but also possessed of a more profound experience of diplomacy and of a more extensive knowledge of men and affairs than any of his colleagues. He was a poet of high gifts, writing verses with equal facility in Italian and French, while, with regard to his wit, a popular writer recalls a remark which he made one evening at a dinner in London. He was asked whether it was true that Italy, Germany, and Austria were marching arm in arm.

"Yes," replied, "that is just what we are doing now. But we are very much like three men going out bear-hunting in arm. Whether we shall maintain that pleasant attitude when we meet the bear is quite another question."

"Count Nigra has generally been credited with a sentiment somewhat stronger than mere admiration for the Empress Eugenie, and it is possible owing to this fact that he remained single all his life," says the same writer. "This constancy, however, was of a purely sentimental nature, and at no time was colored by politics."

"Like so many of his countrymen, Count Nigra has never permitted his heart to interfere with his head or to render him in any way unworthy of the praise bestowed upon him by the great Cavour, who was wont to declare that Nigra was the only real diplomatist in Europe—besides himself."

"That little Nigra did not permit his devotion to the Empress to influence the fulfillment of his obligation to his country may be seen in the fact that it was due to his urgent advice that Italy refrained from taking up arms in behalf of France in the war of 1870. Prince Metternich, who came to the rescue, and who escorted her, not merely out of the palace, but to the house of the American dentist, Dr. Thomas Evans, where she lay hidden until it was possible for her to escape to the coast."

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